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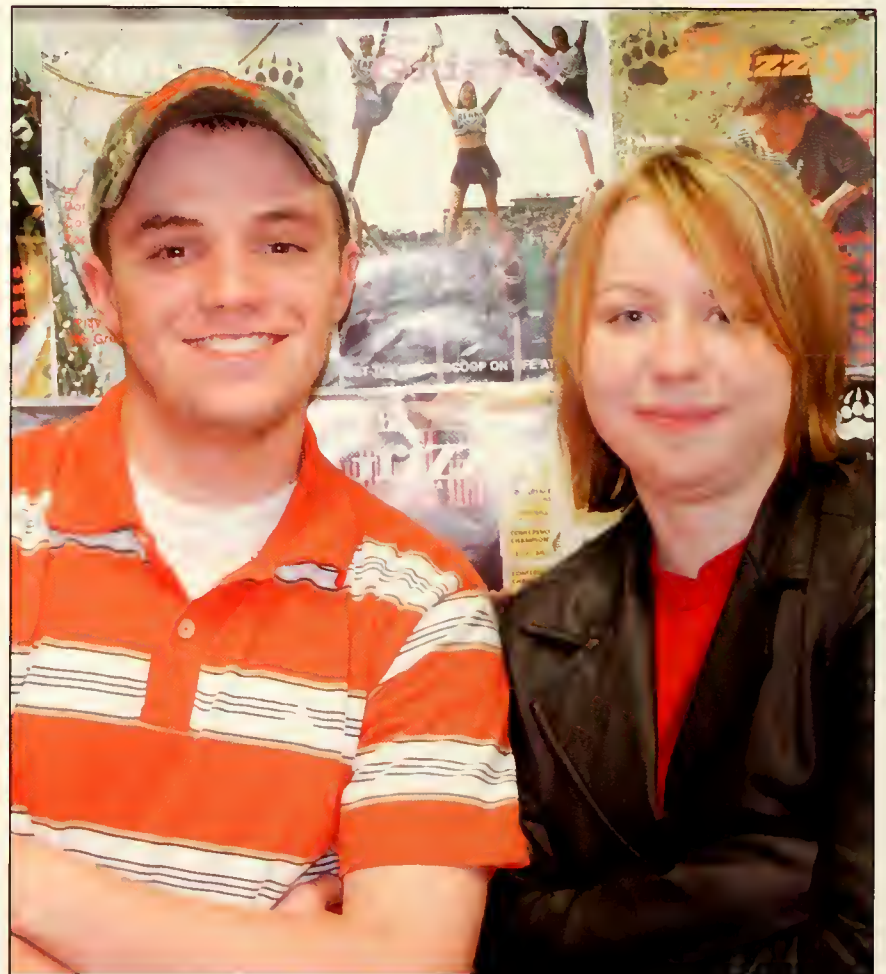
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With only five staff members we just wanted to thank the staff for all the effort put into this issue. For Krystal Walker it was her last issue as editor. "I enjoyed working with everyone and will miss everyone," says Walker Editors.

*Chris Neal*  
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**Front Cover:** Sen. Barack Obama takes the podium at the Butler Power Plant on Jan. 29, to speak to the Butler students, people of El Dorado, and the surrounding areas. The campaign visit packed Butler's gymnasium despite the frigid temperatures and heavy snow the crowd endured while waiting on the event doors to open. Photo by Chris Neal



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# Campus Life



Hangin' out between classes, Camron Johnson, El Dorado freshman, visits with some old high school classmates.

Sewing costumes for the second theatre production of the year, Lauren Rust, Wichita sophomore, makes some last minute stitches before dress rehearsal.





Ethan Ehrstine (guitar, vocals) and the rest of the "Giants of Silence" band performed in Butler's Gold Room. Along with door prizes, free pizza was also given to the crowd.

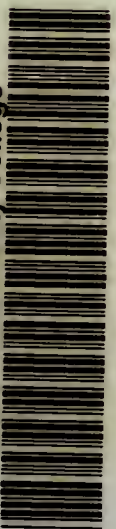
Working in EduCare, Jordan Nottingham, Rose Hill sophomore, helps Blakley Wilson with his Easter eggs. The "Easter Bunny" also came to visit the kids for Easter.



Preparing for math class, Kelsey Modlin, Augusta freshman, looks over her homework before turning it in.

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# Campus Life



Preparing for opening night, Karen Harpenau, Wichita freshman, listens to the constructive criticism of the play director.

Getting ready to start printing photos for photography class, Chase Biles, Wellington freshman, picks out a negative to develop.





Working for the Help Desk, Mick Solliday, Flint Hills freshman, helps a student set up their Pipeline account.



Jeremy Johnson, El Dorado sophomore, works at Quick Trip, re-stocking the rotisserie machine with taquitos.

# Grizzlies in the Spotlight

## Rudi Johnson

Graduating from Thomas Dale High School in Chester, Va., Johnson went to Butler Community College from 1998-1999. As a sophomore, he averaged 7.3 yards per carry as a running back, and was named the MVP of the 1999 National Championship by scoring all seven of Butler's touchdowns, beating Dixie College 49-35. After Butler, Johnson began attending Auburn University.

At Auburn University, Johnson ended his college year with 324 rushing attempts, the single season record, for 1,567 yards, second in school history. In ten games alone Johnson rushed for 100 yards or more.

Berudi Ali Johnson, his real name, is now a running back for the Cincinnati Bengals. He was drafted by the Bengals from Auburn University as the fifth pick in the fourth round of the 2001 NFL Draft and is now going into his eighth pro season.

Johnson didn't get much playing time in his first two NFL seasons, because he was behind the three-time Pro Bowler Corey Dillon, the Bengals' leading rusher since 1997. During these first two seasons, he had only 17 carries and 7 receptions.

Because Dillon missed much of the 2003 season with injuries, Johnson ended up in the starting lineup. Johnson helped the Bengals improve from a 2-14 record in 2002, which was the worst in the franchise's history, to an 8-8 record in 2003. This was their second non-losing record in 13 years.

By the end of the next season, the Bengals finished with an 11-5 record, the team's first winning season since 1990.

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of Butler Athletics

**Rudi Johnson** played football for Butler CC and is now currently playing professional football as a running back for the Cincinnati Bengals, going into his eighth pro season.





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## True Knowles

Knowles graduated from Butler Community College in 1957 and moved on to Wichita State to get his bachelor's in science in 1960. He began his career in 1963 as a sales representative for Proctor and Gamble. Knowles held a number of positions at Proctor and Gamble such as district manager, division manager, sales manager and marketing manager.

Knowles joined Dr. Pepper in 1982, taking the newly created position of vice president and general manager of the fountain and food service division. Knowles' leadership led to the Dr. Pepper Company doubling in growth and tripling in fountain and food service.

Knowles is currently on the board of directors for the Cott Corporation, the world's leading supplier of retailer brand soft drinks. He is also on the board of Wendy's, Nutrasweet, and is invested in Tin Star, a fast casual restaurant.

Knowles is one of only 30 people to make it into the Beverage Hall of Fame. The Beverage Hall of Fame honors beverage executives who have shown devotion, creativity and love for the soft drink industry above and beyond others, and Knowles did exactly that.

"It is quite an honor to be chosen for the Beverage Hall of Fame because it is such a huge business. The induction really marks a milestone in my career," says Knowles.

New members were selected annually until 1990, but have been chosen biannually since 1992.

Information courtesy of , Director, Marketing communication

**True Knowles** retired as CEO of Dr. Pepper in 1995 and is a member of the Beverage World Soft Drink Hall of Fame. He served as the interim CEO for NutraSweet and currently serves as chairman of the NutraSweet board of directors.

## Melvin Lister

Lister attended Butler Community College from 1996-98 as a track star achieving the name of a seven time NJCAA all-American and athlete of the meet at the 1998 NJCAA indoor track nationals.

After Butler, Lister attended the University of Arkansas where he continued to win several awards, including being named an eight time NCAA all-American and winning five NCAA national titles.

Melvin made the jump of his life while competing in the triple jump, to qualify him for the 2004 Olympics, which would end up being his second appearance in the Games after competing in Sydney in the 2000 Olympics.

His jump that qualified him for the '04 Olympics measured 58 feet 4 inches, which happened to be the best in the world for that year and also the best in United States track and field history.

Before making this life changing jump, Lister had not cleared 55 feet in over four years and had never cleared more that 56 feet in his track and field career.

"I've never pulled out anything that dramatic before," Lister told the Indianapolis Star newspaper.

Sadly, Lister couldn't finish strong enough in the '04 Olympics, leaving Athens holding the 18th spot and failing to qualify for the finals.

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**Melvin Lister** graduated from Butler in 1998. He jumped a U.S record in the triple jump to qualify for the 2004 Olympics in Athens. It was his second time to compete in the Olympics, as he qualified in the long jump for the 2000 games in Sydney.



# Towering Over Butler

Built in 1988 and standing at a whopping 590 feet tall is Butler's radio tower. The tower has helped Butler's communications department develop into the outstanding program that it has become.

"Before the tower was built, we just had some small introductory classes with all the correct equipment and we just needed a license from the FCC," says Larry Patton, Dean of Humanities/Fine Arts.

Acquiring the license took longer than had been expected for Patton. He was one of the many people who helped negotiate with all the lawyers that were involved in the process.

"It took us years to get what was required and when we did, the program just took off from there."

Butler received just over a \$1.5 million grant from the Federal Government and with the help from some other funds, the tower was built, and KBTL 88.1 FM was born.

When it came time to be putting up the antenna on the tower, technician Greg Ball took charge, but not without some help from friend and former high school instructor from Flint Hills, Dean Patton.

"It was quite an experience being up there. You could see everything. People don't notice from the ground, but when you're climbing the tower, it shifts back and forth a bit because of the wind. It was amazing," says Patton.

"Butler was the first to have the radio tower built, followed by WSU soon after," says Tom Erwin, Chief Information Officer.

Erwin remembers helping dig a trench from the 1500 building to the tower to allow for cables to run underground. He also recalls an interesting moment during the construction.

"The tower is built in 20 foot sections. Some workers were on the section that was being suspended in the air to be placed on the top at about 300 feet when all of a sudden the truck that was holding onto the 20 foot section started to slide toward the tower. Some of us were watching from the ground and we got a bit nervous because the truck had slid about 30 yards and it was getting close to smashing into the tower. The man operating the truck got out, grabbed a few large rocks and stuck them in front of the tires so that they wouldn't slide



The "board" as its called is the one thing that controls what you hear on the radio. The sliders on the board control various things like the music, microphones, etc.





The Butler radio tower is home to Butler's station, KBTL, and rents out to many others stations as well.



anymore and said, 'Okay, we're good' and went back on working like it was no big deal."

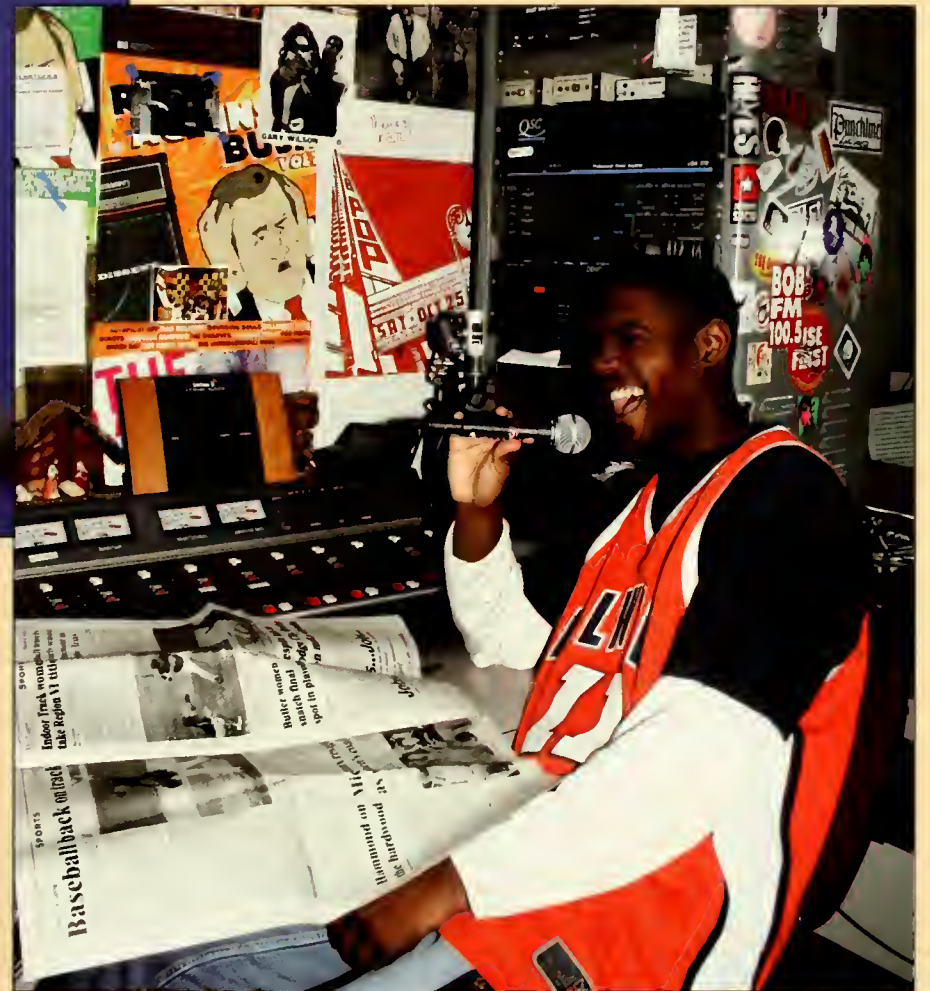
The radio tower isn't just used by Butler. Botts Communications, a religious station out of Kansas City, Butler's EMS county emergency and the biggest yet, Sprint, all rent space on the tower. Sprint has a 15 year contract with the college and is now in their 11<sup>th</sup> year.

Erwin gives much credit to Ball, Solaris/Pipeline Systems Administrator, for the implementation, operation and construction of the tower. Erwin notes that they probably wouldn't have been able to do it without him.

"Butler has come so far. There is so much that we are capable of producing and the learning possibilities are endless," says Facilitator of Multimedia, Randy Ellis.

Broadcasting at Butler has allowed students to get the experience and education that is needed for future employment in a radio or television career. Some students have their own shows during the week to broadcast, which gives them the opportunity to put a radio or television show together like they would if it were their real job.

"Unlike many other schools, Butler has small classes and it allows for students to get plenty of hands on learn-



Andrew Hammond, Wichita freshman, is host and frequent guest on many of KBTL's radio shows. Hammond hosts "The Andrew Hammond Show" and the R&B block for KBTL.

ing which schools like WSU don't have," says Lance Hayes, Mass Communications instructor.

Some students have gone off to work for other stations around Kansas such as KWCH and FOX. They have all graduated from the program at Butler.

"We want to provide the students with the best possible services and learning experiences," says Erwin. "That's our goal."



# 3D Animation



As kids at some point in time all of us have picked up a remote control and played a video game or watched a movie that did not involve real people. All of that entertainment was made by animation. While playing video games or watching animated movies did you ever

catch yourself asking, 'How did they make this?' If the answer is yes, then maybe you should consider going into a career of 3-D Animation.

3-D animation sounds interesting, but what is it exactly? The concept of 3-D animation all began with William Fetter, a Boeing employee. He was the man behind the name "computer graphics" in 1960. After establishing the idea of computer graphics, along came Ed Catmull and Fred Park who made the first animated movie called "Futureworld" in 1976. From there on out, new ideas have become America's entertainment for years.

The first step in majoring in 3-D animation is picking the right school. So many schools that provide majors in 3-D animation are scattered across the United States along with online classes. Schools such as ITT, Kan., Art Institute, Colo., Collins College, Ariz., Animation Mentor, Online, Pratt Institute, N.Y.,

*"Webster.com says that 3-D animation is graphics that use 3-dimensional representation of geometric data that is stored in the computer for the purpose of performing calculations and rendering 2-D images."*







Savannah College, Ga., Digital Media Arts College, Fla., and Farleigh Dickinson University, N.J., just to name a few.

Once you have decided on a college, what kind of a job should you expect out of all the long hours of studying? Knowing what type of 3-D animation work you want to do

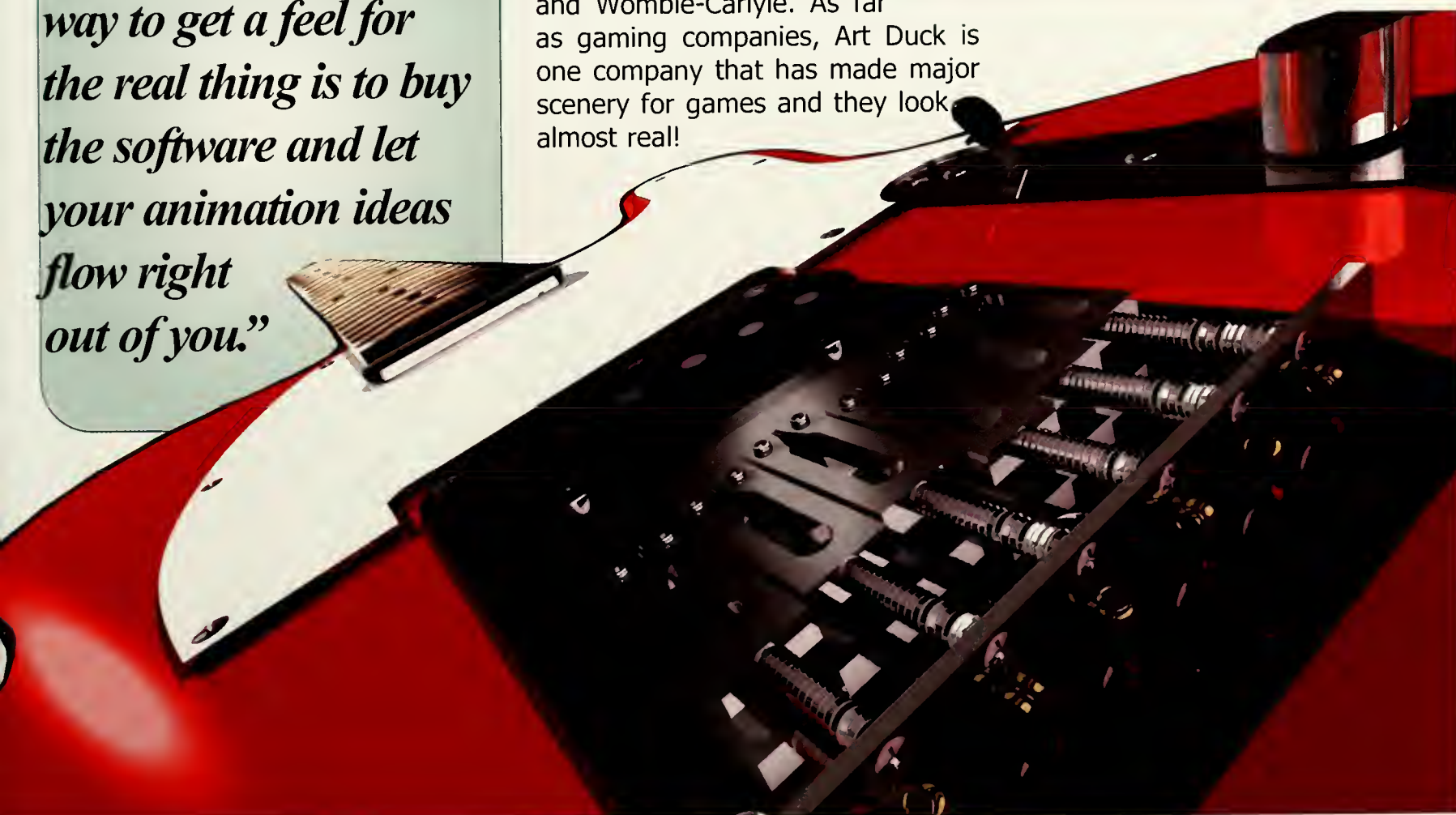
can land you a major job in big named jobs. One company is Pixar. Pixar is one of the major leading animation

providers for the Walt Disney Corporation. Another major company is Hatchling, who has done work for companies such as MTV, Fisher Price, Forensic Files, Prudential and Wombie-Carlyle. As far as gaming companies, Art Duck is one company that has made major scenery for games and they look almost real!

Some of the software that is used in creating 3-D animation is Crazy Talk and Softimage. If you would like to learn more about 3-D animation, then the next step is to take Butler Community College's very own 3-D animation class BA128 3-D Computer Animation I and if you still want to learn more after taking the 3-D Computer Animation class, there is a 3-D Animation II class available as well.

***"If you feel that 3-D animation is calling your name, the best way to get a feel for the real thing is to buy the software and let your animation ideas flow right out of you."***

***"Many careers that involve 3-D animation are website design, movie making, commercials, animation graphics, TV shows, freelance animation and gaming."***







Senator Obama uses body language throughout his speech to emphasize his thoughts on making America better.

Senator Obama makes yet another significant point as he raises his finger into the air, demanding change.

**“ I’m not asking you to believe just in my ability to bring about real change in Washington...I’m asking you to believe in yours.”  
-Sen. Barack Obama.**





# Obama Campaign

## Hits El Dorado

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**Andrew Hammond**  
Sports Media

As the crowd anxiously came in and waited, an excitement filled the air with something that Kansas Democrats have not seen in years, a chance to have their voices heard.

El Dorado was one of the many stops that Illinois Senator Barack Obama made as he geared up for the multi-state "Super Tuesday" caucuses. This visit was extra special for Obama because his grandparents on his mother's side are residents of El Dorado. He acknowledged that at the beginning of his speech, pointing out some of the friends of his grandparents.

Young and old were in the Power Plant as he spoke of change and optimism, something that some say Democrats have been wanting and needing to hear the last eight years.

"I came here to see Obama. He is a great speaker and I think this is a great thing for the state of Kansas," says Logan Jones, a Wichita East High School senior.

Over 2,000 people were packed in the Power Plant to see Obama. The local media as well as the national media was on hand to see history take place on what was, ironically, Kansas Day.

Sen. Obama's schedule called for him to make his speech in the Power Plant and then see the crowd in the overflow area. Those plans were changed as the senator visited the overflow first and then made his way to the Power Plant.

"We were waiting around trying to get organized but something was slowing him up. It was well worth the wait after he made his speech," says Jones.

Sen. Barack Obama is in a tight race with Sen. Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination. This is a very historic race because it involves an African-American and a woman, both of whom have a very good chance of winning over the American public.

"We will find out if America is ready for change and be able to make 2008 a historical year," says Terry Moran, ABC News, in an interview.

Obama is riding a wave that started with his powerful 2004 Democratic convention speech. That momentum continued in 2004 as he won the U.S. Senate election in Illinois. He defeated Alan Keys by 53 percent. That defeat was the largest in Illinois senate history.

Since then, he has gained more attention, positive and negative. Eighteen months before the presidential elections this coming November, the U.S. Secret Service was assigned to guard the senator.

"The Secret Service protection is very important because people do some crazy things out there," says Jones.

Obama discussed hope and the future in his speech and the crowd was standing and applauding as he made his viewpoints heard. The two biggest standing ovations were given when he commented on health care and discussed the war in Iraq.

"I knew he was very strong on the war, but his views on health care really impressed me," says Lisa Decou, Wichita State sophomore.

Obama said in his speech that he



Senator Barack Obama speaks to the Butler students as well as the people of El Dorado and the surrounding areas at the Butler Power Plant on Jan. 29.





would like to see the health care that he and other people in Washington D.C. get because as Obama says it, "You are my boss, you pay my salary. You deserve as good of health care as I deserve."

"Health care seems to be the important thing this election so I'm glad he discussed it and just didn't say I will fix it, he had a plan for it," said Angela Muhwezi, a Wichita Heights High School senior.

Near the end of his speech he brought out a special guest, Kansas Governor Kathleen Sebelius, who received cheers from many in the

Power Plant as she officially endorsed Obama for president. "I think that he brings a different life experience compared to what we as Americans

have had in the past and he would bring something different to the table," says Gov. Sebelius.

She followed Obama to Kansas City to attend a speech that Obama made later on that night. That speech drew 20,000 peo-

ple but the main speech that was covered that day was in El Dorado.

"I think it's great that he came to El Dorado. He could have gone to a bigger place but it's good to see that he stepped out and went to a much different place and it turned out to work in my opinion," says Sebelius.

The big rumor going around lately is, if Obama gets the nomination for the Democratic Party, Gov. Sebelius would be his running mate.

Also, Hillary Clinton has said she would not mind sharing the Democratic ticket with Barack Obama, saying "It would be the dream team ticket for the Democratic party."

"I think that if they were on the same ticket I believe that it would open McCain up to get a surefire win in the election in November," says Steve Tollison, an El Dorado sophomore.

On March 21, New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson officially endorsed Senator Barack Obama. Richardson had previously endorsed Hillary Clinton up until March 21, when he said, "You are a once in a lifetime leader. Above all you will be a president who brings this country together."

Richardson isn't the first to give Obama a key endorsement. Sen. Edward Kennedy from Massachusetts has endorsed him on behalf of the Kennedy family. Entertainment figures have also stepped up to represent Obama in November, such as rapper Jay-z, talk show hosts Tyra Banks and Oprah Winfrey, and actors Jessica Alba, Jamie Foxx and Ben Affleck.

"I believe that some of these big name people in politics and entertainment will help him [Obama] in the long run," says Lisa Decou, Wichita State sophomore.

Election day is Nov. 4 and either Barack Obama or Hillary Clinton will be representing the Democratic Party while John McCain will represent the Republican Party.



## Democrats

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Super Delegates</u>
Barack Obama	1,520	199
Hillary Clinton	1,424	238

## Republicans

<u>Representative</u>	<u>Delegates</u>	<u>Unpledged RNC</u>
John McCain	1,289	82
Mike Huckabee	267	3

As of March 4th

Obama takes the podium preparing to speak at the Butler Power Plant, as the crowd acknowledges his presence with a standing ovation.





Senator Obama waves goodbye to the crowd after giving a campaign speech to the people of El Dorado and the surrounding areas at Butler's own Power Plant gymnasium.

This Secret Service agent was one of many who swarmed around the Butler campus during the Obama campaign visit to El Dorado.



Gov. Kathleen Sebelius came to the event as Obama's surprise guest. She also gave her official endorsement for the Obama campaign at the Butler Power Plant event.

**"I think that he brings a different life experience compared to what we as Americans have had in the past and he would bring something different to the table."**

**-Gov. Kathleen Sebelius**



# Bring On the Warm Weather

Everyone prepares themselves for spring and summertime in one way or another. Whether it's working out to get that swimsuit body or just doing some spring cleaning, it's no doubt that the warm weather has an effect on everyone.

"Yeah, I work out," says Donnel Reaves, Temple Hills, Md. sophomore. "It's hard to maintain this figure!" But rather than losing weight, Reaves likes to gain weight, to in return, gain muscle. "I like to gain about 15 pounds in muscle before summer," he says.

Others, like Sara Johnson, sophomore, Wichita, turn to other types of fitness rather than hitting the weight bench.

"I do yoga and like to do swim classes during winter to keep in shape," she says.

"I can't lift weights; I don't have the motivation."

The new spring season also brings new spring clothes, which works out well for those who skip the gym to hit the mall.

"My favorite summer clothes are dresses, tank tops, and I absolutely love flip-flops," says

Sara Betsworth, freshman, Valley Center.

"My favorite store to shop at, especially for warm weather, is American Eagle, but I also like Hollister, Charolette Russe and Dick's," she adds.

But most college students tend to be a little tight on money when it comes to shopping so when asked where to go if your'e on a budget, stores like Target, T.J. Maxx, Wal-Mart, and Steve and Barry's were recommended by Traci Gelskey, freshman, Portland, Ore. Another good idea for students on a budget is to "pick out items that you can wear with more than one thing," says Betsworth.

Speaking from experience, shopping for clothes can be a pain in the neck, so to make the shopping experience more successful, start looking at how you shop, or more importantly, who you

shop with. It is much easier to find clothes that you like and fit you right when you shop with someone that is either your same body type or, like Gelskey says, "has the same style as you."



Checking out a new store in Wichita, Traci Gelskey, Portland, Ore. freshman, picks out a new shirt to kick off spring in style.



Just think. If you're at the mall with someone that has a different body type or style than you do, you might have trouble finding clothes that you want because your friend wants to hit up the store next door, for example. But if you're with someone that shares the same characteristics that you have, then chances are both of you will be in the same store for hours spending more money than you had planned on spending.

Preparing for the warm weather may include working out, shopping or even putting off that cluttered closet that you've been meaning to get to, but just remember, the faster you get it clean, the faster you can enjoy the sunshine.



Looking for a new swimsuit for summer, Cami Halloran, Lawrence freshman, takes advantage of Wal-Mart's low prices.



Traci Gelskey, Portland, Ore. freshman, looks for a "cute" pair of sandals at the mall. "It's just not spring without a cute, but comfortable pair of sandals," she says.

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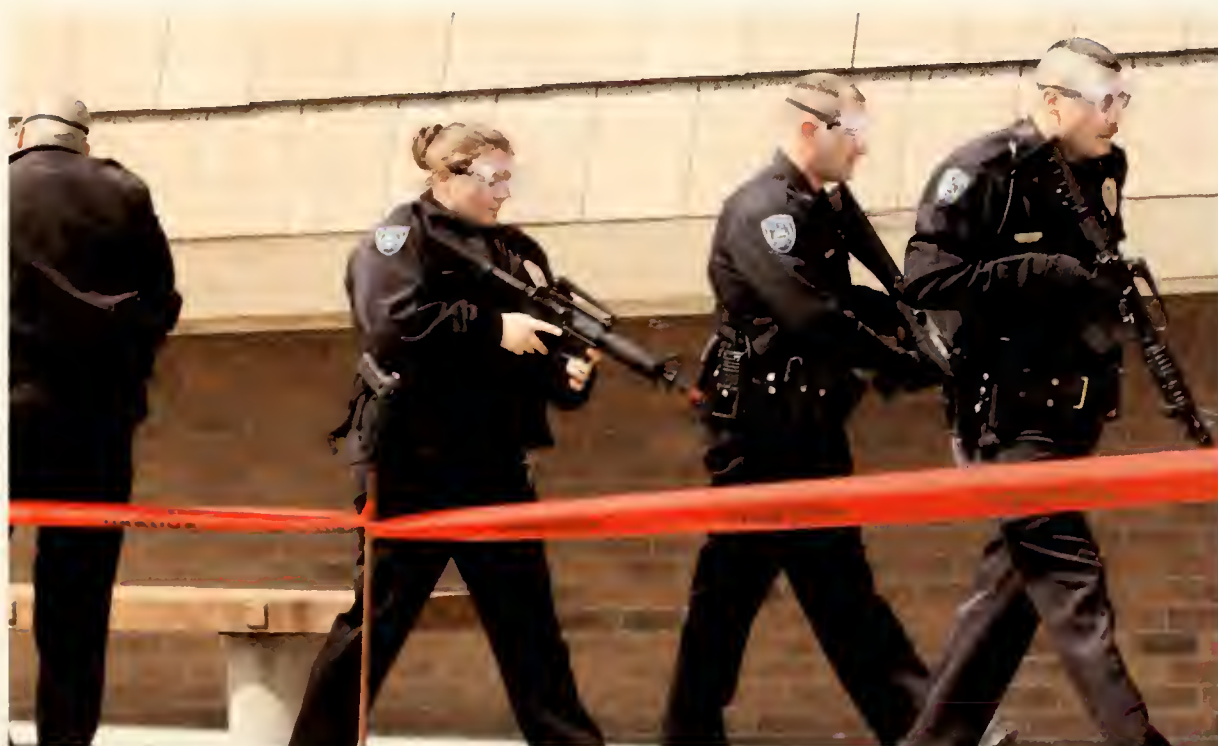
# Tragedies<sup>in</sup> Schools

Could a school shooting really happen on the peaceful campus of Butler Community College? Is it possible that the person you just walked past, just sat next to, or smiled at while reading this article could become the next victim of a school shooting? School shootings have grown so much that Webster has

actually defined school shooting in their dictionary. Webster defined school shooting as a gun violence primarily in educational institutions, especially the mass murder or spree killing of people connected with an institution.

One of the first college school shootings was at University of Texas in 1966. It's

not like this rapid mass murder of people being killed in an educational environment just developed in the 21st century. If a person is not happy with the college they have decided to attend or even with the fact that they are at a college, why not just stop going? Why stop so many young minds' futures from beginning?



The El Dorado police walk in fully aware of the situation that has happened at the mock school shooting. Knowing that this is not real, they still take it as a serious situation.

## Preventing School Shootings

It is not possible to keep anyone from doing what they have made up their mind to do, so is it possible to prevent school violence? A person may look as though they could start a rampage around a college campus, but that does not mean that they will. A person may look as though they are the last person in the world to pick up a gun and start shooting their classmates, but that does not mean that they won't. Profiling is not a method which is useful in preventing



school shootings, which is why profiling is against policies from schools to the workplace.

What can be done then to prevent school shootings? If you hear of any student planning on committing a violent crime, report it. You do not want to be the one who walks out of the classroom and sees your best friend dead lying on the floor just because you were too afraid to stand up and say something.

Another step in preventing school shootings is security. Security guards, detectors and cameras are in many schools, but not in all. Butler Community College has security guards and some camera equipment placed around all campus locations. The best that this procedure can do in case of a school shooting is stopping the shooting before it gets worse.

The absolute best solution is to always be aware of your surroundings and the people in them.

### **The Aftermath**

You unlock the door and look around. Everything is clear on your side of the campus, while others have lost their lives on the opposite end of campus. How do you cope with the shooting on campus?

A school shooting is unexpected and the fact that one student can kill a mass of other students is also hard to

wrap a person's mind around. Only time will heal all wounds. Every day it will get a little easier and easier. Live for the ones who did not get a chance to do what you are given the chance to do. Change things about the faults that happened during the shooting so as to lower the number of deaths. Be aware of the warning signs. If you feel as though something is just not right with someone, do not hesitate to investigate. Who



Shot by the mock shooting, a student of Butler Community College lays "dead" next to his friend after leaving class.

## **Some Random Facts**

*There have been at least 9 college school shootings.*

*The first school shooting was at a college in 1966.*

*In the college school shooting instances there were 7 male perpetrators and 1 female.*



knows, because of the signs you picked up from someone you could just save lives.

### Warning Signs

It may seem as though students are acting around and playing "pretend" but if they are acting out violent incidents be aware of what they are acting out and how violent it really is. If someone expresses their violence through writing, speech, art or acting, this could be an early warning sign.

If a person seems to be alone a lot of the time, suffers a loss in grades, or has been a victim of violence, these too can be signs.

Constantly picking fights or having fights with other peers can be a sign of violence. Also owning of firearms can be a sign of wanting to destruct persons and themselves.

One thing students and faculty members have got to be cautious of is the fact that all these signs do not mean that the student or faculty member is going to plan and carry out a school shooting. The signs are just common signs found among the perpetrators of school shootings. Stereotyping is just as bad and could cause a school shooting. Everyone has the right to believe in what they want to believe in as long as it does not harm anyone else.

School shootings are tragic and they take the lives of many innocent people, but if the signs are there, report them

to the correct support system. Know the ways to escape from any dorm room or school building. There are maps of the Butler Community campus located in the registrar's office. Be aware of your surroundings. And remember that everyone is their own person. Don't bully anyone to make yourself better or be violent in any way and maybe day by day we as people can prevent school shootings from ever happening.

### Butler Prepares

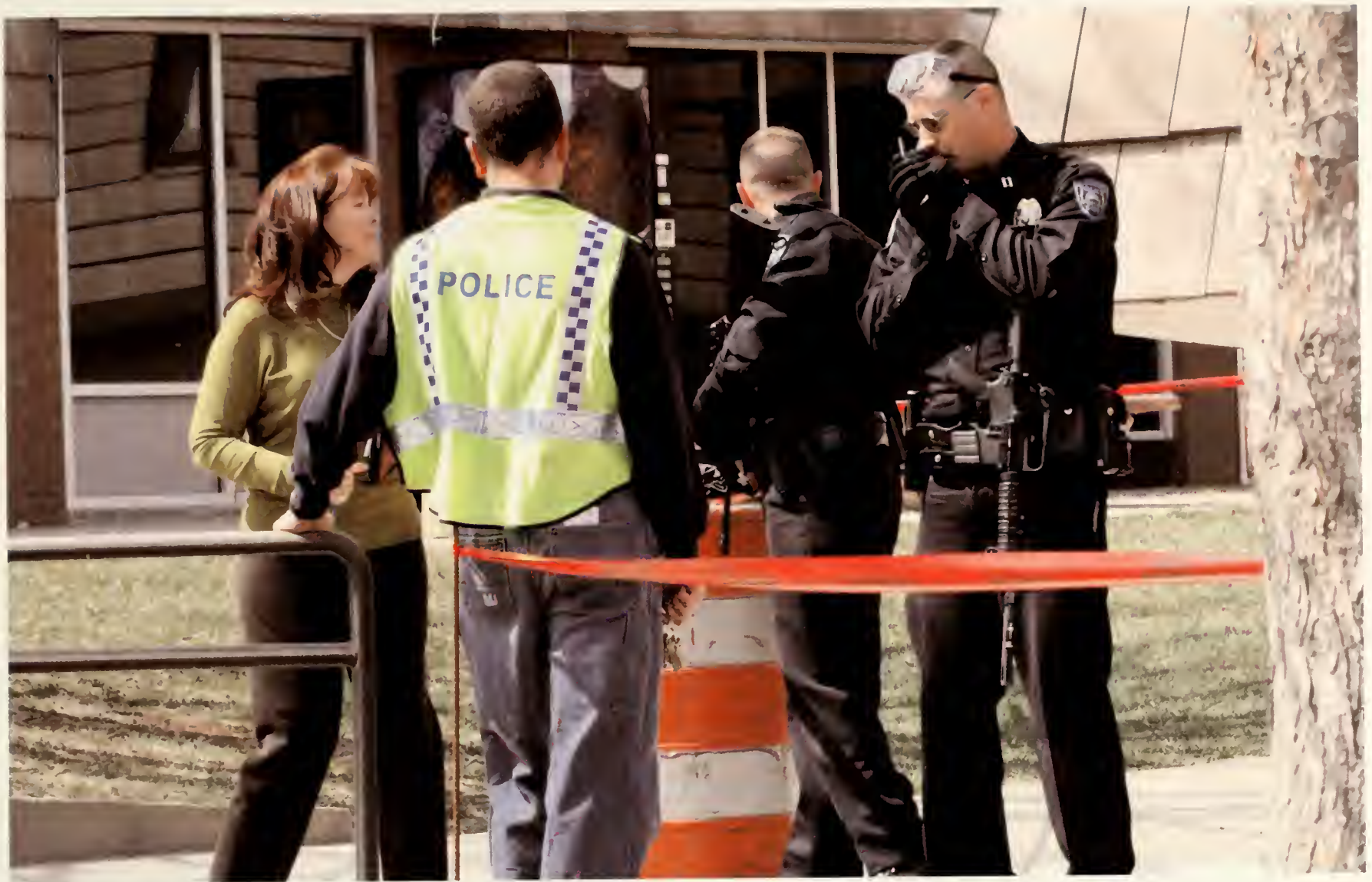
It was an ordinary afternoon and students were either in their classes, working on homework or going to their dorms for the evening. All of a sudden the students' worst nightmare begins, a school shooting.

The mock school shooting was a way for Butler to prepare in case a school shooting tragedy ever does occur.



The "shooter" takes a look behind him before entering the 1500 building





The police secure the campus after the mock shooting ended, ensuring the safety of the students and faculty on campus.



A Butler student gave Channel 12 her opinion of the mock shooting and how she felt it would help Butler prepare for the worst.



# Butler

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out rocky.

Before game-time I opened the pot for the announcing team of Weston Pletcher, Brant Heckethorn and Andrew Hammond. I was rewarded with dead air. So I turned up the volume on the pot and heard Brant whispering play-by-play, followed by silence when Andrew or Weston chimed in. I dialed my phone to the talent to try to troubleshoot the situation. We tried several things. None of them worked. Mr. Swan, who is always calm before and during a broadcast, LOL, said he was on his way to the studio.

The muted play-by-play followed by silence continued and I immediately pulled out the rack in the studio to try my hand at Radio Engineering. I followed the wires from the back of the unit to the board. With my extensive engineering expertise (I have none), I did the most logical thing I could think of. I jiggled the cord that connected the telephone pot to the rack. After just the right jiggle, came the sweetest sound I had ever heard, play-by-play followed by analysis and color commentary.

Hours later Butler came back from a 28 point third quarter deficit to win 29-28 and begin a beautiful start to a magical season.

A magical year it has been as we have broadcast everywhere from a hostile crowd in Colorado Springs, to the hallowed confines of Gene Bess and Three Rivers Community College in Poplar Bluff, Mo.

I have functioned as a play-by-play announcer, a sports TV photographer, a producer of "The Campus Edge," a TV photographer for the Barack Obama and Alan Mullaly events, a disc jockey, a co-host of a sports talk show, and a newspaper and magazine reporter.

Through the Butler Mass Communications Department, I gained real world experience, valuable education in print and broadcasting, the ability to think with little sleep, and some friends.

I will always have gratitude towards Michael Swan, Lance Hayes, Steve Cless and Randy Ellis at Butler, as well as John Sherman and Mike Fritschen at Frontier Refinery, for everything they have taught me about the various aspects of professionalism, technology and Mass Communications.



### **John Giffin**

Sports Media/Radio T.V.

I first enrolled in Radio Production in what I thought was my last semester at Butler, as a fun elective. I was quickly invited by Lance Hayes, Radio/TV instructor, to enroll in Applied TV to help with the production of the bi-weekly TV magazine show, "The Campus Edge." I was also told at this time about the Sports Media Department and jumped at the opportunity to get involved with both.

I started out in spring of 2007 running the radio board for basketball broadcasts and serving as a reporter for "The Campus Edge." I quickly learned I had a passion for broadcasting and looked to participate in any way that I could. By the end of spring 2007, I was offered a Sports Media scholarship by Mr. Swan. Needless to say, I decided to stick around for the fall 2007 semester to pick up the lacking credits I needed for a Mass Communications degree.

I also picked up two student worker positions, one with Steve Cless at BCTV 20, the other at Frontier Refinery doing Audio/Visual.

When fall rolled around I volunteered to run the board for the Butler versus Kilgore, Texas football game. The first KBTL broadcast of the semester, like the first football game, started





**Weston** has been a part of the Butler Sports Media group for the past two years, and is now departing to the University of Kansas this fall. He has contributed to the Lantern newspaper, the Grizzly Magazine, and has done a huge number of broadcasts of football and men's and women's basketball.

### **Weston Pletcher**

Sports Media

Well, where do I begin? I have had a blast here at Butler the last two years, while taking part in the Sports Media program and also writing for The Lantern and Grizzly Magazine. Here at Butler I have been lucky enough to participate in many fun and exciting activities. Some of the highlights from the last two years for me include: traveling to Texas for the first football game of the season last year while also getting to tour the Fox Sports studios in Dallas, watching a Major League Baseball game

between the Oakland A's and Texas Rangers, going to Coffeyville for the Dalton Defenders Bowl, traveling to Colorado this year for the Butler-Air Force Prep football game, being able to take a tour of the Air Force Academy, sightseeing around Salt Lake City and Colorado Springs, broadcasting the National Championship game between Butler and Snow College, attending the KAB sports seminar in Kansas City, and last but not least, riding around with Mr. Swan in Kansas City, Colorado, Texas and Utah trying not to get lost.

This year as a whole was probably my favorite of the two because I was able to broadcast the National Championship game in Salt Lake City, Utah. While in Utah we were also able to attend a Utah Jazz basketball game which was incredible because we were able to meet some of the players and coaches.

I will be graduating this May with an Associates Degree in Arts.

I would just like to say thank you to all of my teachers (especially Mr. Swan and Mr. Hayes) and the friends that I have met for giving me an unforgettable two years at Butler. Individually I would like to thank the Sports Media students that I had a chance to work with: Chuck, Brandon, Matt, Michala, Ross, Andrew Liebau, John, Andrew Hammond, Dan, Brant and Chris.

In the fall I will be attending the University of Kansas to further my education in Journalism. So to all of Butler Community College I just want to say good luck and have fun while you're here because it will be gone before you know it!

# Radio On



# Men's BASKETBALL



Driving to the basket, Logan Stutz, Blue Springs, Mo. freshman, tries to avoid the Pratt defender. The Grizzlies played extremely well despite their one point loss to Pratt, 66-65.

Markus White, West Palm Beach, Fla. sophomore, takes a one-handed jump shot over the Colby defender. The men played an outstanding game, driving the score to 106-71.







## **Weston Pletcher**

Sports Media

Another men's basketball season has come and gone here at Butler Community College. The Grizzlies finished the year 9-21 overall and 4-12 in the conference under first year Head Coach Mike Bargaen. Bargaen led his team to an 8th place finish in the Jayhawk West. The Grizzlies lost in the first round of the Region VI play-offs to the #1 seed Cowley Tigers.

Butler went through half the season without a full team. They lost D.J. Harrison at semester due to transfer and Austin Birkholtz due to injury.

The Grizzlies were led by Logan Stutz, Blue Springs, Mo. freshman, as he led the team in points, rebounds, and free throw percentage. Stutz averaged 13.1 points and 5.3 rebounds per game. Maurice Colter, Forrestville, Md. freshman, also stepped up and had a solid season for the Grizzlies as he finished the season averaging 12.3 points per game while also leading the team in steals and assists. Kevin Sechrist, Lyons sophomore, finished his sophomore campaign averaging 9.3 points and 3.5 rebounds per game while leading the team in three point shooting, 48 percent. Avery Richardson, Wichita

The Grizzlies own, Dominique Ngiman, Cameroon freshman, flies over the Dodge City defender for a lay-up, giving him 2 more points to add to his 13 total for the night. The men slid by the Conquistadors with a narrow win, 68-64. The Grizzlies had an overall season record of 9-21 with a record of 4-12 in the Jayhawk Conference.

sophomore, and Marcus Batiste, Topeka sophomore, each ended their Butler careers with solid sophomore seasons. Richardson averaged 7.2 points while Batiste averaged 8.7 points and 4.0 rebounds per game off the bench.

Cody Arnold, Dominique Ngiman, Kiel Riemann, and late addition Markus White all contributed key minutes and plays for the Grizzlies throughout the season. White was a member of the 2007 National Championship football team and was able to provide the Grizzlies with more size and strength in the post for the final 12 games of the season.

Richardson, Batiste, Sechrist and White finish their Butler careers having contributed a major part to the Butler basketball program.

On the year Butler was able to sweep Colby and split with Garden City and Dodge City for some of the more positive notes during conference play. But the Grizzlies' best game probably came at Allen County as they came all the way back from being down double-digits for most of the game and won an overtime thriller 84-80.

Butler will now head into the off-season looking to improve for next season.



# Women's BASKETBALL

Damara Lewis, Lyons freshman, reaches for the loose ball knocked away by a Pratt defender. The Lady Grizzlies lost to Pratt 65-43 going into the first round of the playoffs where they lost to Coffeyville, 91-57.

**Andrew Hammond**  
Sports Media

The Butler Lady Grizzlies season was rough as they struggled to stay consistent and finished with a record of 8-22.

The team was under new leadership this season as Terrance Micheaux became the first ever African-American head coach in Butler sports history.

Coming into the season the team was led by sophomores Lakeshia Levi and Brittany Fernandez. They also got a boost from freshman Lindsey Handcox, Phylicia Freeman and Tiffany Stokes.

In the first game of the season the ladies finished off Friends JV 71-60 in the Power Plant. After that the ladies struggled by losing five of the next seven games. Their only two wins were against Southwestern JV and Neosho.

Levi was the team's top player this year. She averaged 17.6 points a game which was in the top five in the Western Division of the Jayhawk Conference.



Midway through the Jayhawk West schedule, assistant coach John Edison was released for undisclosed reasons. The team got its first conference win versus Dodge City at home in a 77-71 overtime thriller.

Through the last two weeks the team was fighting for the last playoff

spot against Dodge City. Butler gained the last playoff spot by beating Dodge City 65-45 in Dodge City on the road.

The season ended in the first round of the conference playoffs with a loss to Coffeyville 91-57. That was the last game for Micheaux as he resigned at the end of the season.





Brittany Aldrich, Udall sophomore, drives to the hole against Pratt. The ladies ended the season with a record of 8-22 and a conference record of 3-13.

The Lady Grizzlies coach, Terrance Micheaux, sits on the empty bench during half time writing up plays for the next half. With only a few games left in the season, Micheaux announced that he would resign effective immediately after the season ended.



The Lady Grizzlies look on from the bench as the rest of the team battles it out on the court. Next season the Lady Grizzlies will be joined by a new coach.



# TRACK

## **Dan Hoffman** Sports Media

The Butler women won the Region VI indoor track championship. The men brought home second place.

Butler dominated the indoor track season with countless records broken.

Rosalyn Nelson broke records every time she stepped on the track, it seemed. Nelson set the 60-meter dash record at 7.62 this season, and won the Region VI title in the event.

Leah Thompson won the mile as well as the championship.

The ladies swept the 1,000 meter run in the championship with Jenifer Butler winning. Megan Henson took second, and Sydney Colle had a third place finish in the event.

The Lady Grizzlies closed the championship off with the relay team of Ali Hafner, Blair Vignery, Megan Turner and Shannon Moore, winning the 4x400 event.

The men place second in the championship behind Barton County by 13 points.

The Grizzlies' David Wainaina was the only event winner for the men, as most of Butler's top runners sat out for Nationals.

Early in the year at the Tyson Invitational Feb. 15-16, the relay team of Alex James, Jarrell

Warren, Aundrea Williams and Obekang Ngwigwa set a men's school record in the 4X400 with a time of 3:11.88.

This was just a start to how many men qualified for the national meet March 8-9 in Charleston, Ill.

The women's Region champi-

onship is one to remember as Coach Kirk Hunter adds, "After 20 years of coaching it's nice to see our women finally win their first indoor Region team title." The outdoor season started March 13, in Winfield for the Southwestern Invitational.



Christina Addison, sophomore, Leah Thompson, freshman, and Crystal Stegman, freshman, take on the mile run at the Region VI championship. Thompson ended up winning the mile run at the championship with a time of 5:32.25, topping Cowley's second place runner by three seconds with a time of 5:35.81.





The women's indoor track team won the Region VI Championship this year. It happened to be the first time in the 20 years Coach Kirk Hunter has coached, that the women have won a Region Championship.



The men's indoor track team ran into second this year at the Region VI championship, falling behind Barton by only a mere 13 points.



# SOFTBALL



Tessa Early, Salina freshman, tries to slide into third base before the Hutchinson third baseman can tag her out. The Grizzlies defeated Hutch in a double-header, winning the first game 10-2 and the second 8-5.

Gabrielle Hart, North Little Rock, Ark. freshman, takes a swing at a Hutchinson pitch. As of March 12, the ladies were 11-3 overall for the season and 5-1 in conference play.







Catherine Gunther, Tonganoxie sophomore, fires a pitch towards a Sterling College batter in the Grizzlies first regular season game. The ladies triumphed over Sterling in the double-header, pounding them 14-1 and 21-2.

**John Giffin**  
Sports Media

The Lady Grizzly softball season is in full swing.

The 2008 softball team is looking to repeat and improve on their 2007 season in which they went 46-11 overall and 15-1 in the conference. The Lady Grizzlies won their second straight Jayhawk West conference crown, the Region VI playoffs and earned a top ten finish in the NJCAA World Series.

Butler softball is coached by fourth-year head coach Doug Chance who has a 128-44 record at Butler and has

won two Jayhawk Conference coach of the year awards in 2006 and 2007.

The 2008 Butler softball team will be facing high expectations as they hold a preseason national number 8 ranking and are picked to finish atop the Jayhawk West.

The Lady Grizzlies have a solid nucleus returning from the Region VI champion softball team.

The veteran pitching staff is bolstered by sophomore preseason all-American pitcher Lauren Supack, Colorado Springs, Colo.

In 2007, Supack finished 21-6, setting a Butler record for wins in a season.

Supack also struck out 176 batters in 161 innings and finished the season with an earned run average of 2.304.

Another sophomore making a major contribution to the pitching staff is Tonganoxie sophomore Catherine Gunther.

Gunther had a solid freshman season in which she went 13-4. Gunther finished 2007 with 60 strikeouts and an earned run average of 3.143.

At the plate is an area where the Lady Grizzlies also have experience.

Pre-season all-American Andrea Weiss, Strong City sophomore third-baseman, is the returning leader in batting average and runs batted in.

In 2007 Weiss batted .393 and knocked in 52 runners.

Also solid at the plate is Colorado Springs, Colo. sophomore outfielder Jessica Matlock.

Matlock is the second leading returner in batting average and runs batted in.

Matlock batted .344 in 2007 and batted in 41 runners.

Matlock is also Butler's returning home run leader. As a freshman, Matlock hit 13 home runs. She was followed by Weiss who hit 11.

If 2008 is anything like 2007, the Lady Grizzlies season looks to be an exciting one.



# BASEBALL

Nick Ward, Claremore, Okla. freshman, beams a fast ball toward home, attempting to strike out the Ellsworth, Iowa batter. The Grizzlies came up with the double-header win, beating Ellsworth, 9-3 and 14-4.

**Ross Etter**  
sports media

The 2008 men's baseball team has their sights set on returning to the Junior College World Series in Grand Junction, Colo. In order to achieve that goal, they will need a strong mix of veteran leadership and youthful energy.

The veteran core is led by returning sophomores like left fielder Dylan Petrich from Maize, first baseman/DH Chad Thurman from Bethany, Okla., first baseman/DH Lorenzo Ricketts from Lawrence, outfielder Tashland Robinson from Pensacola, Fla., infielder Jake Daniels from Omaha and third baseman Calder Cody from Wichita. Veteran starting pitchers Jake Jensen and Bryant Cotton, both from Omaha, lead a very young and inexperienced staff.

When asked about Jensen, Head Coach Steve Johnson says, "Oh to be young, tall, strong, left-handed and have Jensen's stuff." Jensen red shirted last season as he recovered from an injury, so he has been brought along slowly this season. His strength seems to have returned and the coaches look for a monster season from him.



Newcomers like infielder Mike Garza from Prairie Village and shortstop J.D. Herman from Omaha and Kyle Ewy, the catcher from Wichita, lead the group of freshmen who are destined to maintain the winning tradition at Butler.

Coach Johnson beams about

Herman, saying that he "is the best fielding shortstop the coach has seen in quite a while." That in itself says a great deal.

McDonald field is just a short drive from the campus, so why not drop by and see for yourself what the buzz is all about.





Dorian Williams, Olathe freshman, connects with a Northern Oklahoma pitch. The Grizzlies defeated Northern Oklahoma., 9-3, giving them a 5-8 record to that point.

Chad Thurman, Bethany, Okla. sophomore, tries to tag the Hutchinson runner attempting to sneak off the base. Butler triumphed in both games of the double-header, winning 7-6 and 3-2.



# K.A.C.P.

## Kansas Associated Collegiate Press Awards

Butler's own Grizzly Magazine staff, along with the Lantern Newspaper staff was honored at the KACP awards April 6-7. The following are the awards that were given to the Lantern and Grizzly staff members. Chris Neal added to the tradition of the Grizzly Magazine, which has won six of the last seven Journalist of the Year awards.

### *Grizzly*

### *Butler Community College's Magazine*

Chris Neal: Journalist Of The Year 2008.  
First place in Sports Photography.  
Second place in Photo Essay.  
Third place in Caption Writing.  
Two honorable mentions in Sports Photography.



Shawna Napoli: Third place in Mini-Feature Design.

Samantha Scribner: Third place in Feature Photography.

Grizzly Magazine Overall: Bronze Medal.





# The Lantern Newspaper

Jordan Watson: First place in Front Page Design.  
Honorable mention in Column Writing.

Kat Callaway: Second place in Single Ad Design.  
Honorable Mention in Column Writing.

Melissa Roberts: Honorable Mention in Single Ad Design.

Chris Neal: Second place in News  
Photography.  
Honorable Mention in  
Sports Photography.

Nicole Mason: Third place in  
Infographics.

The Lantern Newspaper Overall:  
Bronze Medal.





Every year Butler awards a teacher Master Teacher of the year. This year's winner was Freda Briggs.

Briggs has been teaching for over 20 years, 16 of those being at Butler. She teaches English class, and also Mass Communications. In the past she has been the Adviser for the Lantern.

She has a passion for writing and for teaching students how to be good writers. She has published many short stories and poems, and also a book called "Mom, can we still keep Roger?" Along with her publications she had a column called "Slide Down My Cellar Door."

Felix Adams nominated Briggs to be the Master Teacher, because he felt that she had the qualifications and was deserving of this award. He had also nominated her to be Teacher of the Year. After she was nominated a committee had to vote on the best teacher that was nominated. Master Teacher of the year is awarded once a year and the task of deciding starts around November.

Briggs tries to keep her students' attention at all costs. She has great respect for every student that walks into her classroom and will try to remember every students' name by the end of the first class period.

"I am not a teacher, I am a tap-dancer," Briggs says. "At least I wish I were, because some days it seems that tap-dancing on the table is the only way to get my students' attention."

She thinks that every student that walks into her classroom has courage. She sees students walking in that don't know anyone on campus, and the older students walking into a classroom that are going to

be surrounded by 18 and 19 year olds. She realizes that it will be a task to connect to each student that walks in but she is willing to take the challenge.

After Briggs' sabbatical this semester she will be coming back and excelling in teaching more until she retires. Briggs says that she is a tap-dancer but by the end of the year she is always each student's best cheerleader.

Her husband Don pins a beautiful flower on her to congratulate her on the award she has won this year.

Briggs gives a wave to the crowd after she was announced Master Teacher of the year.



Briggs is given a big congratulations hug after the ceremonies ended.



*Freda Briggs*

# *Master Teacher*

*“I am not a  
teacher; I’m a  
tap-dancer.  
But mostly I  
am a  
cheerleader.”  
-Freda Briggs*





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